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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Application Number | 10/058,188 |
| | Filing Date | January 29, 2002 |
| | First Named Inventor | COSTELLO |
| | Art Unit | 3683 |
| | Examiner | Devon C. Kramer |
| | Attorney Docket No. | BGEE 2 13201 |
| This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. | | |

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on

ii. ☒ Other.- **Amendment After Final Rejection filed on January 30, 2004**

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Response to Advisory Action

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 (large entity) enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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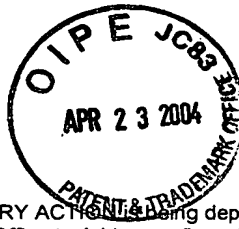
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : COSTELLO
FOR : TAILGATE STABILIZER
SERIAL NO. : 10/058,188
FILED : January 29, 2002
EXAMINER : Devon C. Kramer
ART UNIT : 3683
DATE OF LAST OFFICE ACTION : October 31, 2003
CONFIRMATION NO. : 3935
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : BGEE 2 13201

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of February 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.